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RFI Group 6 Report

Dear Mr. Gallacher:

After long and careful evaluation, I have decided to delay considering whether to approve or disapprove the RFI Group 6 Report until after DTSC receives and completes its review of the additional information to be called for by the data gap analysis that will be performed by DOE's EIS contractor. Our understanding that additional data are forthcoming is based on a DOE prediction that the gap analysis will determine that more information is needed to support the EIS. To the extent that those data may also support the on-going characterization effort, it seems prudent to wait for those results before considering whether the characterization of the area covered by RFI-6 is complete.

In the meantime, DTSC will provide comments on RFI-6 prepared by its technical staff and submitted by members of the community. Those comments will identify deficiencies in the characterization work to date for the area covered by RFI-6. Consequently, even if DTSC had decided not to wait for the results of the EIS data gap analysis; we would still not be in a position to approve RFI-6 because we have determined that additional data are needed to complete the characterization of the RFI-6 area. A "conditional approval" of any RFI report that relies on the future performance of additional work to complete our understanding of the nature and extent contamination at the site is out of the question: DTSC will approve an RFI report only when satisfied that all of the necessary investigative work in a given area has been completed.

The decision formalized today does not preclude Boeing, DOE, or NASA from proceeding with other work required at the SSFL, and need not jeopardize the June

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2017 target date enunciated in the August 16, 2007 consent order for corrective action. If that is a concern for Boeing or its partners at SSFL, or if you have any questions regarding the above, please call me at (916) 327-8642 or write to me at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,



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